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DOD SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2005, AS OF 0700**

Command and Control

- U.S. Northern Command Commander is Admiral Keating in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Joint Task Force Katrina East (Forward) is located at Camp Shelby, Mississippi – Lieutenant General Honore is on the USS IWO JIMA pier side in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Joint Task Force Commander for the Louisiana National Guard is Major General Landreneau, at New Orleans.
- Joint Task Force Commander for the Mississippi National Guard is Major General Cross, at Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

Operational Highlights

- 68,451 (- 3,810) Active Duty and National Guard personnel are on the ground or aboard ships supporting relief operations.
 - 18,276 (- 4,163) Active Duty.
 - 1,895 Reserves (573 Marine Corps, 53 Army, 450 Air Force, 819 Navy)
 - 45,871 (+ 468) National Guard. (2,409 (- 115) outside area ready to assist)
- 19 US Navy ships are in the area.
- Total aviation support in area:
 - 271 (-75) helicopters (Active Duty and National Guard).
 - 75 (+7) airplanes (Active Duty and National Guard).
- DoD has provided extensive search and rescue, evacuation, and medical support:
 - 2,911 (+128) Active Duty sorties flown.
 - 9,313 (+73) National Guard sorties flown.
- JTF-Katrina is executing strategy that focuses on recovery while continuing to support disaster relief operations.
- 82nd Airborne Division, 1st Cavalry Division, I and II Marine Expeditionary Force conducting humanitarian assistance , search and rescue, evacuation and security assessments.
- FEMA requested DoD perform all aspects of the mortuary affairs mission until another contractor can be found. The Secretary of Defense approved the deployment of 9 teams from the 54th Quartermaster Company Ft. Lee, Virginia.
- 9 mortuary affairs teams from the 54th Quartermaster Company arrived at New Orleans Airport at 12:30 PM on September 13, 2005. The 9 teams can process 20 remains per day per team for a total of 180 pre day. The 54th will deploy an additional 9 teams to New Orleans brining the total capacity to 360 remains per day.



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- Two sorties were flown last night by the 910th Air Wing. The aircraft sprayed 58,000 acres in the New Orleans proper area. Four total sorties have been flown to date for a total approximately 150,000 acres treated.
- Seven installations are providing support as transportation staging areas for ice, water, food and medical supplies.
- 21 million Meals Ready to Eat have been ordered by FEMA to support Hurricane Katrina response. 19.9 million have been delivered. 1 million have been diverted to Virginia and Georgia to support Hurricane Ophelia response if required.
- 789 beds are available in field hospitals: New Orleans International Airport (25 beds), USS BATAAN (360 beds), USS IWO JIMA (105 beds), USS Tortuga (35 beds), 14th Combat Support Hospital (204 beds), and the USS Shreveport (60 beds).
- The USNS COMFORT remains in Pascagoula, MS.
- Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas is the central collection point for supplies donated by foreign countries - 122 nations and 12 international organizations have offered assistance.
- Force Adjustments: USS H. S. Truman, USS Whidbey Island, Army Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platoon, Army Aviation Assets, and the 920th Rescue Wing, 4th Expeditionary Medical Support, and II Marine Expeditionary Unit have been approved to redeploy to home station.